

# Former MBA Student: Author Madison Jones

The average MBA alumnus is not written up in *Time*, nor does he publish four novels nor does he write a film screenplay. Obviously then Madison Jones is not the typical MBA alumnus.

Early this summer Madison Jones visited Nashville in order to promote his new book *A Cry of Absence*. His new novel has already been acclaimed as "a masterpiece of fictional art" by Allen Tate, noted American critic and poet.

Mr. Jones transferred to MBA for his senior year after he had attended Wallace School until its closure in 1941. His "fondest memories of MBA are in connection with the football team" on which he played center.

Although only an average student at MBA, Mr. Jones became an outstanding scholar at Vanderbilt and the University of Florida. He is now writer-in-residence at Auburn University, where he also teaches literature and creative writing.

His first three novels are *The Innocent*, *Forest of the Night*, and *A Buried Land*. All of his works deal with rural life although the time and characters vary greatly. While living and working on a farm in Chestnut County during his youth, Mr. Jones developed a strong affection for the rural way of life.

His fourth novel *An Exile*, of the *Sewanee Review*, was made into the movie "I Walk the Line". Although the film was directed by highly respected John Frankenheimer and well acted by Gregory Peck and Tuesday Weld, Mr. Jones was "not very pleased with the way it was handled," especially with changes in the presentation of the characters. Due to his dislike for the changes made in the movie, Mr. Jones obtained the right to do the screenplay for the movie version of his latest novel.

According to *Time* magazine, *A Cry of Absence* is "a measured book—judiciously sympathetic,

judiciously horrified and ever so slightly absurd portrait of an old-code Southern woman lost in the 70's."

The small town used in the novel was patterned fairly closely after Franklin, Mr. Jones hopes that a great deal of the film will be shot there and in Nashville.

The following excerpts are from an interview with Mr. Jones while he was staying at his parent's large ante-bellum farm off Hillsboro Road:

Q: What advice do you have for budding young writers at MBA?  
A: My first reply is don't start. But if you really have a need and ability to write, you can overcome the advice of others. If you do decide to write, dedicate yourself to work infinitely harder than you had expected.

Writing is nerve-wracking and demoralizing work, especially when you decide that what you have been writing is nothing but garbage, and it deserves to be thrown away. It is an experience

every writer has not just once, but many times.

The people who really want to write usually succeed in spite of the obstacles and advice to the contrary.

Q: How did you decide to become a writer?

A: Well, I suppose that when I was in college, I had a vague notion that maybe I could write. I received some encouragement, and I had something that I don't know exactly know what the process was; it just sort of came about.

Q: What method do you use when you write?

A: I am methodical as I can be. I set aside a certain period each day for writing. It is usually about three hours and about the same amount each day.

Q: What do you think of the supposed trend toward sentimentality in novels and films like *Love Story*?

A: Well, I am sorry to say that I have never seen or read *Love*

*Story*, but I imagine that I know pretty much what it is like. *Love Story* is very sentimental, but this is not really new because sentimentality has been a major characteristic of literature as long as it has existed.

Maybe people are tiring of sex. You just cannot hammer away at it (sex). You can read one pornographic book, and it is pretty exciting; two books and it is still exciting; ten, and you become pretty tired of it; by 20 books, you are finally sick of it (pornography).

Q: Which 20th Century writers will be remembered in future centuries?  
A: I am sure Faulkner and Hemingway will be. Poets such as Wallace Stevens, John Crowe Ransom and Robert Penn Warren. Some of Donald Davidson's works. Peter Taylor's fiction is here to stay. Flannery O'Connor has probably made a lasting reputation. Certainly we have had

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## Turner On Tube

Those faithful followers of the television game shows who were watching Channel 4 at 11:30, August 3rd, saw Sam Turner, Junior English teacher at MBA, on *The Who, What, and Where Game*.

In *The 3W's*, as the show is called by television buffs, each participant receives \$125 and wages up to \$50 on the *Who, What, or Where* of a particular subject.

Mr. Turner forged into the early lead as both the reigning champion and the other challenger failed to come up with the right answers.

Our man was the epitome of coolness as he blew \$45 on the second question while the champ

started a string of correct answers. The other challenger, a lady, threw her money away all morning.

The champ burst into the lead although Mr. Turner kept the heat on with correct answers for \$35, \$45, and \$50 for a total of \$340; the champion had racked up \$600.

Finally came Pot Limit in which a contestant can wager any or all of his money. The category: 19th century American Poetry. What more could Mr. Turner ask for? The crowd was silent; all eyes centered on the champ and Mr. Turner. All questions had 2 for 1 odds.

Mr. Turner confidently wagged \$300 of his \$340. The question: Who was the author of the 1866 poem "Snowbound"? Our man coolly answered, "John Greenleaf Whittier," for \$600.

The pressure was now on the champ. He had wagered all of his \$600 on the "what" question. There was total silence. The question: What is the name of the poem by Poe which tells of a knight in search of fame and gold? The champ correctly answered "Eldorado" for a four day total of \$4800.

Sadly, Mr. Turner finished second with \$940, which is considered good pay for thirty tiring minutes.

## GOLFERS COP STATE

On June 3 and 4 the MBA golf team, already having won the NIL and Regional Championships, won the TSSAA State High School Tournament at Harpeth Hills. Having a great deal of playing experience, the golfers shot 611 for the two days. This was 15 strokes better than second place Johnson City.

Leading the team was senior Whit Holcomb. Holcomb shot 72-75, 147 to finish third overall. Tom Gildemeister followed closely shooting 73-80, 153.

Mitch Garriott, who is attending Auburn on a golf scholarship shot 154. The golfers led by 11 shots after the first round of play with a score of 300. Holcomb was tied for the individual lead, and Gildemeister was one back.

The golfers increased their lead 4 shots the last day to win going away.

The golfers were coached by Mr. Don Fairbairn. This past season was his first season as head coach. The golfers, under his direction, won the NIL Championship, the Regional Championship, and the State Championship. Also for the first time in 12 years, and MBA player was the Golfer of the Year.

This year's team lost only one player, Captain Mitch Garriott. A host of fine golfers return, including Gildemeister, Holcomb, McAlister, Ed Stevens and Chuck Lawrence.

The team will set its sights on a second state championship next spring.

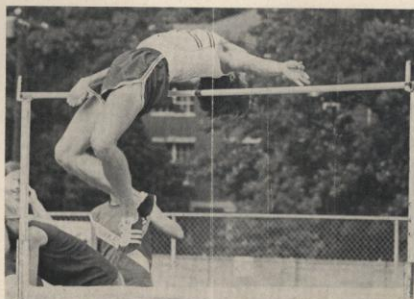
The seniors on this year's team have a chance to have won, during the last three years, three NIL Championships, three Regional Championships, and two consecutive State Championships.

## Leroy "Flops" in Olympics

It has been a very busy summer for Shannon LeRoy, MBA's sophomore high jump sensation. The sophomore track star placed 2nd in the high jump at the AAU National Junior Olympics in Colorado Springs, Colorado with a jump of 6'-7".

In front of 35,000 people at the Air Force Academy, Shannon broke the former Junior Olympic record for boys under 16 by 7 inches. He was defeated by a jumper who will be competing in college next year. That leaves Shannon as one of the premier high school performers in the nation.

Leroy, who uses the "Fosbury Flop" style of jumping, won the Regional Jr. Olympic meet with a leap of 6'-6". It is almost a certainty that he will break the school record of 5'-11" in his first



high school meet. He is also a good bet to break the state high jump record sometime during

next season. The state record is 6'-5½", which he has surpassed in the last four outings.

## Senior Officers

Last May the Junior Class met and elected its officers for this school year. The following boys were chosen to lead the Senior Class and the student body of officers of the Student and Honor Councils:

Buck Cole, the president of the Student Council, is the editor of the *Bell Ringer*. A member of the National Honor Society, he had won the English II and II medals, the Art-history medal, and the Harvard Book Award. Buck was a Sophomore class Honor Council representative and the treasurer of the Junior Class. This summer he worked on a roving medical clinic in Appalachia. A member of Delta Sigma social fraternity,

Buck came to MBA from Westmeade School in the seventh grade.

Frank Floyd, the president of the Honor Council, served as a Junior Class Honor Council representative. He came to MBA as a freshman from Hillwood. Last year Frank was an All-Western Division tackle and will assist the coaches this year since he is ineligible according to NIL transfer rules. He is a member of the Big Red Club, Service Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and First Presbyterian Church. Frank also serves as a pledge master of Delta Sigma fraternity and is an executive of the Reagan-Floyd Lawnmowing Agency.

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## THE BELL RINGER

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## 71-72 BELL RINGER

This issue of the BELL RINGER "ain't what it used to be". There are a few basic difference from past issues:

- 1) the date of the first issue
- 2) no class news articles or traditional personality features
- 3) no creative writing, satires or fantasy
- 4) no opinions expressed other than the editor's

This issue hopefully will help new students feel at home on the hill, assure returning students that a new school year has begun, and possibly create some interest in working for the paper.

As for the class news articles, the "71-72 BELL RINGER" will attempt to do without their presence. The '65 editors of the BELL RINGER realized "the sad state to which the class news had deteriorated". Except on a few occasions, the quality has re-

mained very low since then. The traditional personality features have become as dead as Imogene Kowalski, a 1968 Belle.

The lack of creative and humorous writing results from a lack of interest in those fields by the current staff. Anyone who feels that he possesses talent in those fields should submit his work to Chase Cole.

The lack of opinion, besides that of the BELL RINGER staff is unfortunate since the paper should be an open forum for the opinion of students, faculty, alumni and friends of the school. Any editorials or letters submitted to the editors will be appreciated and considered.

If the student body cares enough about the paper, more than three issues will appear this year.

### OWNBY'S VIEWPOINT:

## Survay of MBA Clubs

MBA students have the privilege of joining numerous clubs, most of which provide excellent opportunities for student involvement.

**SERVICE CLUB:** The Service Club is regarded as one of the school's honorary organizations. Its purpose is to provide service to the school. Last year its members ushered at football games, collected money at basketball games and wrestling matches, and collected for charitable organizations. Only twenty students are members, and the older club members select new members.

The club is honorary because of its selectiveness as much as its accomplishments. Since selection for membership is done by the older members, a student who does not know the older members has little chance of selection. Because of a limit of twenty members, many students who serve the school cannot obtain membership. It is inconceivable that only twenty students from the upper three grades provide "service" to the school.

The club's method of selection

and its small size hamper its total effectiveness, the student support, and student participation. The club should select members because of their past accomplishments.

With an increase in membership, not only would the capabilities increase but also a more representative segment of the student body would participate in this organization.

Although the Service Club's purpose is necessary and beneficial to the school, the mere repetition of its "traditional" responsibilities, ushering and collecting money, defeats the good of the purpose. In comparison to the work necessary in maintaining MBA, the Service Club does little. At present, the school derives a minimal amount of the potential benefit from this organization.

**BIG RED CLUB:** The Big Red Club was designed to promote better school spirit. Through the club, a student can involve himself in the school and help school spirit. Membership is open to anyone in grades ten through twelve.

Last year, the club offered rides to away football games, and gave

# Floyd Discusses Honor

The average Montgomery Bell student is unaware of the opportunities that his school has to offer him. More than just providing a superior preparatory education, Montgomery Bell strives to instill into its students moral integrity. Montgomery Bell places as much emphasis on the gentleman aspect of the student as on the intellectual aspect. It strives to mold these two essential qualities into one which exemplifies the Montgomery Bell Scholar and Gentleman. One unique feature of the school which helps to instill this moral integrity is the Montgomery Bell honor system.

The Honor System discourages lying, cheating, or stealing by a strict adherence to a constitutional honor code drawn up by the students themselves. The honor code, in short, states that there shall be no lying, cheating, or stealing of any nature. If any student violates one part or any parts of this code, then a governing body, the Honor Council, receives reports of the violation, tries the offenders, and recommends to the faculty a suitable punishment.

The Honor Council serves not only to try offenders and recommend a punishment but to further the cause of honesty by keeping the students informed of Honor Council proceedings. The

officers of the Honor Council intend to meet with each of the new students and discuss the meaning, functions, and importances of the Montgomery Bell honor system. The Honor representatives are open-minded to any suggestions concerning the betterment of the Honor System and the student's affiliation with it.

The Honor Council is composed of twelve members from the student body, four of which are elected from and by the Senior Class to act as presiding officers of Honor Council functions. Three members are elected from the Junior Class, two members from the Sophomore Class, two members from the Freshman Class, and one member from the Junior School.

The Montgomery Bell system is unique in that there are no members of the council who are not members of the student body. Neither are there any outside influences on decisions made by the Honor Council. The Honor Council representatives alone try the offenders; then recommend a suitable punishment if necessary to the faculty. Ever since the adoption of the Honor System in 1945, it has been customary for the faculty to accept the punishments suggested by the Honor Council. We feel sure that the

faculty will offer their complete cooperation in the future as in the past.

In order for the Honor Council to function properly and to succeed in fulfilling its purposes, it is necessary for the students to have a respect for the Honor System. Moreover, the students must have a respect for and strong trust in the decisions made by the Honor Council representatives. If a student has a respect for the Honor System, then he will not be forced to lie, cheat, or steal. If he has a firm trust in his representative, then he will not doubt any decision made by the Honor Council. If this respect for the system and trust in the representatives is built by each student, then the Honor Council will have succeeded in achieving its primary goal.

This year as in the past, the Honor Council representative have accepted the responsibility of promoting honesty. Obviously, it will be necessary to treat any reported dishonesty as a major offense and suggest an appropriate punishment. However, the Honor Council is striving for a productive year of promoting honesty instead of trying dishonesty. Therefore, the student will have to strive to promote his own honesty along with the Honor Council.

## COLE REVEALS S. C. PLANS

The Student Council at MBA is the student body's voice concerning disciplinary and other matters of school policy. Composed of the class officers of each grade in the High School and a representative from the Junior School, the council has only one rule: that every student shall be a gentleman on and off campus, as interpreted by the Student Council and the Administration.

According to the constitution, the functions of the Council are threefold:

- 1) to provide a forum for student expression;
- 2) to serve as a liaison between the students and faculty by representing student desires, as on advisory committees;
- 3) to encourage student respect and appreciation for the school's traditions and ideals.

Last year the Student Council was primarily a judicial body, which handled student disciplinary problems. The council tried students who had violated standards of conduct, over the jurisdiction of the Honor Council. The violations included smoking on campus, obtaining 30 or more demerits, and showing flagrant disrespect for school rules.

Mr. Carter and the faculty usually considered the reports of ungentlemanly behavior off campus, whereas the Student Council dealt with ungentlemanly behavior on campus.

Very few student forums have been held since the ratification of the Student Council Constitution three years ago. Without these forums, last year's council failed to serve either as a provider of

\$75 for a summer basketball program.

To many Big Red Club members, membership does not mean an opportunity to better school spirit, but it serves only as something else to have under the senior photograph in the annual.

student forums or as a liaison between the faculty and the student body. Yet in the past the Student Council has dealt with such issues as privilege list requirements, exemptions before holidays, and even the price of milk at the request of students.

Class elections have been held as quietly and as quickly as possible without campaigning or speeches. Usually mature and conscientious boys are elected, but each year a few boys are elected as a joke in the eyes of the faculty and their classmates. These boys lower the student's respect for the council and the maturity of the council's decisions.

The class elections last year were drawn out and chaotic because the rules of the Honor Council Constitution require a majority of the whole class before a candidate is elected. In close elections a majority is nearly impossible to obtain because of absences. The election clause of the council's constitutions should be amended.

Before that section is amended, students should seriously consider reforming the election process so that candidates would be more qualified for the important offices on the council.

In order for the Student Council to be more responsive to student desires, open forums should be held each six-week period as unrequired class meetings with a Senior officer present. With the ten year reevaluation this year, council members should have several opportunities to serve on advisory committees.

Much of the council's attention

The Big Red Club is supposed to afford students an opportunity for involvement in school spirit, but a lack of authority and organization in last year's club prevented this involvement.

This year the officers appear more concerned about school spirit

will be turned toward disciplinary matters. In all cases the opinion of the Student Council is presented to the faculty and Mr. Carter for approval. Last year the Administration overruled the council's decisions when the deemed it necessary. Despite these overrulings, the opinion of the council should be formed by its members, not by the faculty.

The members of the council are faced with a two-faced problem of considering the best interest of both the student and the school. To preserve this integrity and traditions of MBA, first consideration will go to the welfare of the school; thus, expulsion will be considered in cases involving conflicts with the best interests of the school and student body.

In order to improve the maturity of council decisions and to eliminate the embarrassing situation of having a class officer with more demerits than a punish student, any member of the Student Council with more than 2 demerits in a semester should be suspending from voting.

The council desires to reduce the number of students punished for demerit trouble; therefore, if officers will try to meet with boys nearing demerit trouble and give these boys an official warning.

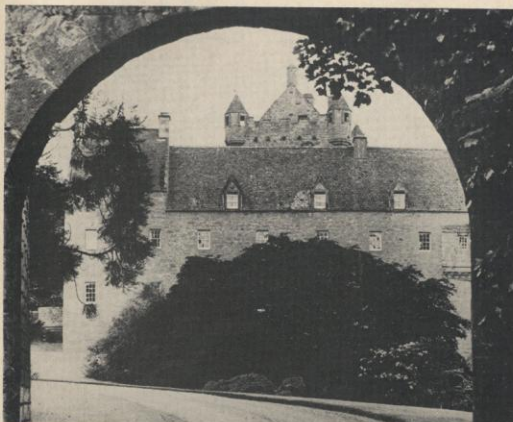
In order to have a successful year and to carry out its main tasks, the Student Council needs the respect and support of both the faculty and student body. Without their support and respect, the council will degenerate into an ineffectual figurehead.

It and student participation. The officers are Chase Cole, president; Ken Quillen, vice-president; Bill Freeman, secretary-treasurer; and Ted Spellings, historian. The officers, who also serve as the cheerleaders, are elected by the members of the club.

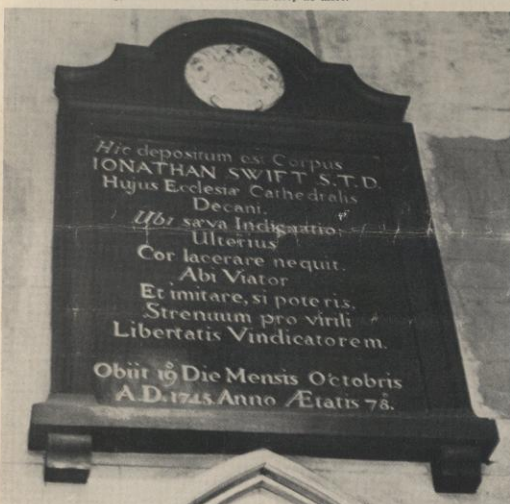
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# LANDMARKS OF LITERARY ENGLAND



Cawdor Castle—"This castle hath a pleasant seat, the air nimbly and sweetly recommends itself unto our gentle senses." Cawdor Castle, just outside of Inverness, Scotland, and the castle about which Shakespeare centered the early parts of the Macbeth tragedy, is today the home of the Earl of Cawdor. The remainder of the castle has been restored almost beyond recognition; only the old central tower, erected in 1454, remains to echo the days of the murder of Duncan, "his silver skin laced with his golden blood," where "Glamis hath murdered sleep, and therefore Cawdor shall sleep no more."



Swift's Epitaph—Jonathan Swift's famous epitaph glaringly strikes the beholder "with savage indignation" from the wall of St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin, Ireland. Having served as Dean of St. Patrick's from 1713 to 1745, he is buried in the floor of the south aisle just below the epitaph. His tomb is marked by a golden plaque in the floor, and just beside him lies his beloved Stella with an identical diamond shaped plaque.



Southey's Grave—

My hopes are with the Dead; anon  
My place with them will be.  
And I with them shall travel on  
Through all Futurity.  
Yet leave here a name, I trust,  
That will not perish in the dust.

Perhaps more beautiful than any other in England is the setting of Robert Southey's final resting place. In the heart of the English Lakeland not far from William Wordsworth's grave, Southey's tomb in the Crosthwaite churchyard in Keswick (pronounced Kerick) is one from which the beauty of its surroundings "through all Futurity . . . will not perish," though all else turns to dust.



Tintern Abbey—"Once again do I behold these steep and lofty cliffs," wrote Wordsworth, "hut on a wild secluded scene impress thoughts of more deep seclusion, and connect the landscape with the quiet of the sky." Today, if he saw the commercialization of Tintern Abbey as a tourist attraction, William Wordsworth would most certainly turn over in his grave. A large parking lot in front, an admission charge, and hundreds of tourists are but a few of the blemishes which blot the beauty of that "wild secluded scene" which Wordsworth romanticized. The abbey itself is a ruin. The frames and inside walls remain from about the twelfth century, but the roof is gone and all inside furnishings have since been overgrown by grass. But the scull remains of the abbey do nothing but contribute to its beauty, a beauty of composition and a delicacy of execution. The gentle curve, yet tremendous power, conveyed by the graceful arches and sturdy walls leaves the beholder with a sense of awe, "of harmony and the deep power of joy we see into the life of things."



Wordsworth's Rock—The view is from Wordsworth's Rock overlooking the splendor of the English Lakeland. Often visiting the giant rock beside the water on his many strolls through the countryside, Wordsworth is said to have written many poems from this very spot. The rock is but a few miles from the poet's home, Dove Cottage, near Grasmere. Though immediately beside the busy highway, the beauty of the place today is surely no less inspiring than it was to Wordsworth in "Intimations of Immortality."

I love the brooks which down their channels fret  
Even more than when I tripped lightly as they;  
The innocent brightness of a new-born day  
Is lovely yet;  
The clouds that gather round the setting sun  
Do take a sober coloring from an eye  
That hath kept watch o'er man's mortality . . .



Yeats' Tower—"An ancient bridge, and a more ancient tower, A farmhouse that is sheltered by its wall, An acre of stony ground . . . There can be no more fitting a statement than the above from "Meditations in time of Civil War" to describe the majestic grandeur and might simplicity of Thor Ballylee (pronounced Tore Ball-lee). Yeats' tower at Ballylee is today almost as he left it, simple yet peaceful. The tower itself is by no means beautiful, but its stark simplicity combined with the pastoral beauty of the countryside creates a mood of poetry, a desire to communicate life. The tower seems to blend in with the "acre of stony ground," bridging the gap between man and nature.



## WHIT'S PICKS

## FIVE NIL TITLES IN SPORTS?

by W. Holcomb  
Sports Editor

The 1971-72 issue of the Big Red Machine should provide the firepower to be title contenders in football, basketball, baseball, golf and tennis.

Featuring possibly the best backfield in MBA's football history, the Big Red is the choice to win the NIL football title.

The Big Red is led by last year's NIL Athlete of the Year Fred Fisher. Captain Fisher is expected to grab all-State honors this fall. Fisher's total offense of 1934 yards and 24 touchdowns ranked among the best in the state last year. Fisher will rely heavily on the running of Tate Rich, Bob Latimer, and Damon Regen. Garrison can substitute at any running position.

The line is anchored by Trigg McClellan, Dick Sayers, and Steve Todd. All are returning lettermen. The trademark of this team will be experience. Led by Fisher and Co., the Big Red is a good bet to bring back to MBA a State Championship.

When the football season is completed, Fisher and Latimer will change over to the basketball team. Other returning lettermen from district tournament runner-up team are Steve Armistead, Tate Rich, Harry Hoffman, Mike Regan, Ernie Leonard, and Whit Holcomb. There will be an awful tough battle for the five starting positions.

If the team is able to jell and work together, this could be one of the most exciting basketball teams in the NIL. The experience and ability necessary for a solid team is present. Desire and leadership will determine just how far this team will go.

Wrestling season is also during the winter. Mr. Jim Jefferson is the new coach. He comes from John Trotterwood Moore Junior High. The team will be led by Bill Knox and Tom Curtis. Captain Knox received the best wrestler award last year. The team should fair well, if wrestlers can be found to fill the lower weight classes.

Also during the winter months, MBA's rifle team will try to duplicate last year's achievements. Ed Stevens should provide the firepower to lead MBA.

Moving into spring, the Big Red will seek titles in golf, tennis, and baseball. The MBA golf team will be out to grab a second straight State Championship and a third straight NIL title. The squad will be led by seniors Whit Holcomb and Tom Gildemeister. Returning also are Chuck Lawrence, David McAlister, and Webb Earthman. The team should be one of the finest golf teams ever assembled in the state.

The tennis squad will be led by senior Rip Trammel, and junior Flagg Flanagan. Trammel was undefeated last year as a num-

ber two man. Flanagan has improved considerably during the summer and should become a steady player.

Track prospects are looking up with a fine crop of sophomores, lead by Shannon LeRoy, who consistently betters the state high jump mark. Also coming up are several fine sprinters and two fine distant runners, Joe Collier and Scott Brittain. Outstanding returnees include Steve Todd and Trigg McClellan in the field of events.

In baseball news, Ernie Leonard will be back for his fifth starting season. Last year, he won the MBA "triple crown" with three home runs, 26 RBIs, and a .445 batting average. Supporting him will be Bob Latimer, last year's NIL MVP, and Fred Fisher.

Last year's team finished fourth in the district, but put it all together, and won the NIL title (MBA's second in three years). This year's edition could even be better. Losing only two starters, and with a mound staff that returns intact, MBA is a good bet for post-season berths.

In the coming year, the Big Red squads will rely heavily on experience and senior dedication and leadership. With these qualities, the Big Red Machine should run over their opponents. Surely, one one is taking bets against them.



Fred Fisher, 1971 NIL Athlete of the Year

## A Visit with Coach Owen

For the past 18 years, the name Tommy Owen has meant a winning tradition in football to MBA students and Nashville sports fans. But to those who know and respect Coach Owen, he is more than a football coach. As the dedication in the 1969 Bell says it:

"In the truest sense of the word, he is a gentleman; and in the final analysis, what more can be said?"

Recently Bill Freeman and Mike Regan visited Coach Owen's home and enjoyed a very interesting half hour with MBA's former head football coach.

Q. What kind of season do you see for MBA next year?

A. I think that they have a wonderful opportunity to have a really fine season. It's like every season, you can't go on what you did last year, you've got to go strictly on your own merit. I think that they have fine leadership. I know Coach Ridgway and Coach Morel and new coach Doug Matthews will do a fine job in preparing the boys to play. Then it's really up to the kids on the football team.

Q. Do you think our football team has set its goals too high this season?

A. I think that every person or every team should have a goal, and you know as they say, 'a man's grasp should exceed his reach.' I don't think that it (a state championship) is an unrealistic goal. I think that you need to keep your goals realistic. A state championship is not unrealistic with the team we have coming back. The problem in all of this is that there is a lot of luck; sometimes the other team championship team you have. Sometimes you make your own

luck; sometimes the other team maybe helps you out a little bit. Sometimes you suffer setbacks along the way, and that's part of the game, too. But I feel that you really have a wonderful opportunity to reach their goals next season.

Q. Do you foresee many seniors off next year's team playing college ball?

A. I think probably four or five boys are college prospects, whether or not they are SEC prospects, I don't know. But I would say that there are five that are good sound college prospects.

Q. What about the importance of a good attitude?

A. Yes, you can have all the ability in the world, but unless you have a good attitude, you're not going to achieve what you are capable of. I think that really this is one of the most important things in MBA as a school: the student body's attitude toward education.

People sometimes think that MBA is a pretty hard place to be in, and they think how nice it would be to be somewhere else, and then they get there and they find that they would really like to be at MBA. Attitude is really the most important thing. Teachers, coaches, people who are in the positions of leadership are interested in a person's attitude, even though they may not have all the ability in the world.

Q. What part does desire play in football?

A. I feel like that's what makes football a great game: If a fellow has a great desire, he can find a place to play if he is willing to work hard enough. It takes raw ability to play in some of the other team sports, but football is

a game that a fellow can play if he wants to work hard enough. Q. It this why MBA football has enjoyed such great success in the past?

A. I've gotten the feeling over the number of years that I have coached here that football just meant a little more to the MBA student than it did to a football player at some of the other schools. They were willing to work a little harder. Maybe the fine football tradition they've had which has built up there over the years made the difference, and it may have been the fact that everybody expected you to contribute something in the way of athletics, and it wasn't that way in other schools.

J. Could you name your best lineman?

A. There are so many things involved in that, so many different positions, it would really be hard to say.

Q. Can you name your best back?

A. I think probably the best all-around back that I ever coached was Bill Blair. He could play both ways. He was an outstanding blocker, and of course he averaged 10 years a carry running the football, and he was a great defensive back.

Q. What are some of the differences between high school and college coaching?

A. I really don't think that there is a great deal. Of course we don't see as much of the players in college as we do of the youngsters in high school. They are a little bigger. I think probably that they respond to the same type of coaching and leadership that the folks in high school do.

Q. Is there anything else that you would like to add?

A. Well, I'm going to miss you over there. When you've been at a school 18 years, it's awfully hard to pull up and leave. And there have been quite a few times during the winter and spring when you maybe wonder if you did the right thing, but if we have a winning program at Vanderbilt, it will have been a right decision, and that's what we are expecting to have. I guess my heart will always be close to MBA.

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## Communicating With The South —Your Brother, John Haggard

From 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. each Sunday, John Haggard, recent MBA graduate, changes from student to disc jockey as he broadcasts his own show over WKDA-FM. Presently only a parttime disc jockey, John worked regular last summer on WKDA-AM and FM. He plans to continue his radio career while he attends the University of the South.

He is also a musician himself. A bass guitarist, he has played with the Edwin Milam Trio and has done some studio work for several rock groups. His own musical preference is jazz-rock oriented material; his favorite groups include John Mayall, Chicago, and Emerson, Lake, and Palmer.

Several years ago John started by hanging around a radio station and getting a few lucky breaks. At first he did a few odd jobs like news broadcasts and finally his own show. He prefers working on FM because he prefers the low-keyed rap and the music on FM. His FM show consists of a predominantly progressive format of rock, folk, and soul.

He believes that the music scene is once again changing from the acid rock of recent years to a sound which is more folk and blues oriented. He feels that the

current trend in pop music is toward the soft yet meaningful groups as Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young. The country music trend is also shifting from hard stomping material toward easy listening music like Glen Campbell.

John has noticed a change in the tastes of the Nashville audience. The listeners originally wanted a predominantly "bubble gum" format; they now prefer a much more "progressive" style of music.

His business associates have aided him in improving his show. He says that the other jockeys are easy to work with, respect his opinions, and offer suggestions to improve the quality of his work.

Two difficulties he finds are the trouble of picking future hit records and the necessity of being ready for each show. He must always be ready to project an image of happiness and must appeal to the public. His show requires precise timing of commercials, records, and news and also the necessity of playing records appealing to the public. John sums up his opinion on his being a disc-jockey this way: "It is a lot of work, but I enjoy the people."

## Survey

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The club is hoping to have some bonfires before some football games. In an effort to increase athletic support on a non-varsity level, the club has proposed that general athletics be divided into four teams for year-round competition. The club, sponsoring the teams with money gained from the combos, would help buy jerseys and equipment for the teams.

To Junior School students, the Big Red Club is an alien organization. They have little idea about its purpose and benefits. If the club is to increase in school spirit, the Junior School cannot be neglected. The club should make an effort to increase Junior School awareness of the club and its purpose.

As Mr. DeMoss's corps demonstrated last year, the Junior School has genuine enthusiasm and sincere school spirit. The Big Red Club should organize the Junior School into a Junior School Big Red Club. The seventh and eighth graders are some of the most ardent supporters of the school, yet they have no organized cheering sections.

The club cannot increase school spirit without any action. If, under the officer's leadership, students would adopt a more serious

attitude in joining the club, perhaps both the school and the student would benefit.

**DRAMATICS CLUB:** The Dramatics Club is composed of students who are interested in acting and backstage work. After a successful 1970-71 season under the direction of Mr. Terry Holcomb, many of these experienced actors and technical personnel are returning. Although Mr. Holcomb has left, Mr. James Poston, who has directed many successful MBA productions, is returning.

Through acting and technical work, a student can use creative talents which he might otherwise never use. Through drama, a student can know fellow students better, become familiar with a flavor of literature which, except for Shakespeare, is not stressed in school, and develop poise and self-confidence. Although it requires a lot of the student's personal time, the work is fun and beneficial. The money derived from the showing is used to purchase more equipment for the next play.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB:** Anyone who owns a camera can join the Photograph Club. For four dollars a semester dues, the club offers guest speakers, has monthly assignments, and offers the use of the school darkroom. Last year, the club presented a photographic exhibition of the member's work. The club officers are Arthur Hiller, president; David Small, vice-president; and Carter Andrews, secretary-treasurer.

The Photography Club is different from the photography staff of the paper and annual because the club requires no qualifications for membership. The club does not take photographs for the paper or annual, but it does train people for the staff. The photography Club helps students master a popular hobby by training them to take photographs, not snapshots.

**FORENSICS CLUB:** The Forensics Club, under the expert leadership of Mrs. Selma Ridgeway, has made phenomenal progress in the past few years. Last year was one of the club's best, as is shown by the numerous trophies which it presented to the school.

MBA's forensic team competes in six different areas: debate, oratory, poetry interpretation, extemporaneous speaking, dramatic interpretation, and declamation. The present officers are Marc McNamee, president; Carter Andrews, vice-president; and Bert Mathews, secretary-treasurer.

The Forensic Team made trips to other cities and sponsored a tournament at MBA. Through forensics, a student develops poise and self-confidence in public speaking. Not only is it good, practical experience, but it is also good preparation for many careers, especially law. Although forensics, especially debate, requires a great deal of time in preparation, the student derives many assets which he will use throughout his life.

## Here They Are—The MBA Cheerleaders

To compliment MBA's predicted successful football, basketball and wrestling teams, this year's seniors have selected an equally great group of cheerleaders. All of these girls abound in the kind of sincere school spirit that could lead us to victories.

Because many of the underclassmen are not familiar with our new cheerleaders, the *Bell Ringer* would like to introduce them to the student body.

Jane Berry is a senior at Harpeth Hall. She feels that our school spirit could have been better which is a good indication that she plans to improve it. She enjoys all sports, and she "likes to go places." She is this year's Delta Sigma Sweetheart, and the president of the SAP sorority. Her college ambitions point towards the east where she feels she can get a more well-rounded education.



Jeanne Connors, a junior at St. Cecilia, agrees with Jane that the school spirit last year left something to be desired. Jeanne teases by saying she is "interested in being cute," but she enjoys horseback riding and tennis. A compliment to MBA is given when she considers her selection as cheerleader to be one of her greatest honors. With strong family ties in Nashville, she selects Vanderbilt as her first college choice.

One of the more outspoken members of this year's squad is Harpeth Hall senior Sabele Foster. One of her more interesting suggestions is for MBA and Harpeth Hall to go co-education. She is the president of the student body, and she received the outstanding freshman award. She enjoys mountain climbing and "earthy things." For college, she says, "I'd like to get back to the north. It's more exciting." Sabele also has strong feelings about sororities: "I got out because it's not fair to some. It's getting better—you can do what you want to do and no one will condemn you for not being in one or not."



This year will be Mary Pirtle's second as MBA cheerleader. The Harpeth Hall senior is the treasurer of SAP and a member of Castner-Knott teen board. Mary likes all sports and she is involved in the Junior League working with crippled children. She feels the school spirit last year was "pretty bad." On college, she says: "I want to stay in the South. The people are so hospitable here." choice.

Jean Liebhart is a senior at St. Cecilia. She was the president of the Junior class and is the secretary of Kappa. Jean enjoys sports, and she is looking forward to cheering for all the MBA teams. Her college preference is the University of Tennessee because of its good elementary education department.



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Brooksie Harlin is a senior at St. Cecilia. She holds the positions of vice president of SAP and secretary of her senior class. Brooksie enjoys most outdoor sports, especially horseback riding and water skiing. She also includes wrecking cars as one of her favorite pastime. The University of Texas has caught her eye because she likes the people in Texas.



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left to right: Frank Floyd, Tom Guidermeister, John Pickens

## Senior Officers

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Bill Freeman has been the vice-president of his Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes. Bill acts as secretary of the Bog Red Club and as a cheerleader. After coming from H. G. Hill School, he was elected president of 7B. Bill played J.V. basketball and belongs to Hillwood Presbyterian Church and to Delta Sigma.

During the past three summers, Bill has attended real estate school at Vanderbilt. Tom Guidermeister, the vice-president of the Honor Council, came to MBA shortly after last Thanksgiving from Montgomery Academy in Alabama. There he was the Middle School president, the president of the Sophomore Class, the parliamentarian of the student body, and the secretary of the Junior Class. A very versatile athlete, Tom played varsity soccer, track, golf, baseball, and football. At MBA he plays on the State Champion golf team and the football team; he also serves as features editor of the **Bell Ringer**. Tom won the Sewanee Award for the Outstanding Junior.

Robert Ramsey, the secretary of the Student Council has been a class officer each year since his coming from H. G. Hill School in the seventh grade when he was president of 7N. He also was elected 9th and 10th grade class treasurer and 11th grade Honor Council representative. In athletics Rob plays varsity football and baseball; in scholastics he won the 7th grade Word Wealth and the Algebra I medals. Robert is a member of the Service Club, FCA, and Delta Sigma fraternity, of which he is treasurer. He attends Woodmont Christian Church.

John Pickens, the secretary of the Honor Council has a great

deal of experience as a class officer since he has been a class vice-president, secretary, and Honor Council representative at MBA since he left Parmer School. Academically John won the English I medal and participated in the State French and Math contests. He belongs to St. George's Episcopal Church, FCA, Delta Sigma, and Nashville Youth Incorporated. John has received letters in J.V. basketball and varsity track.

Clay Stephens, the treasurer of the Senior Class, was born in Nashville, yet he travelled in 23 countries while his father was an officer in the Army. Clay came to MBA as a sophomore from West Point, New York, where he received the Geometry and Spanish I medals. At MBA he has won two more Math medals and placed in the State Second-year Spanish contest. Last year Clay served as secretary of the Junior Class and lettered in J.V. basketball, varsity track and cross country, which he will captain this season. He is a member of FCA, the Service Club, and West End Methodist Church.

Damon Regen, the treasurer of the Honor Council, came to MBA as a freshman from Overton. He won both the Outstanding Freshman and Outstanding Sophomore awards. He was president of his Sophomore Class. An outstanding athlete, Damon started at fullback and linebacker on the No. 2 football team in the state and at 3rd base on the NIL champion team last year. Damon is a member of Glendale Methodist Church, Delta Sigma fraternity, the Big Red Club, and the Service Club.

The success of the school year will rest to a great extent on the performance of these boys and the other members of the Student and Honor councils. They will need to maintain the respect of the student body and be aware of its problems and desire.

## DEBATERS PLACE AT NATIONAL

Debaters Dick Collins and Charlie Bond, representing MBA in the National Speech Tournament at Stanford University, placed 14th in the nation. The debaters qualified for the meet by winning the district (consisting of Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi) tournament last April at Overton.

The 44 district qualifiers and the 50 state champions teams debated the topic of greater Federal control of air and water pollution in the US.

Immediately following MBA's commencement, intensive preparation for the contest became a diurnal affair for the two best debaters and for Mrs. Ridgeway—daily research at JUL, but also many practice rounds at night. One of the Overton squads defeated by MBA in the semifinals of the district was very helpful in the practice debates; furthermore, several Vanderbilt doctors donated significant amounts of time to improve the affirmative

case. Finally, on the thirteenth of June, the two debaters left for California; whereas, Mrs. Ridgeway, delayed by her class schedule at Peabody, came two days later.

The three-day, double-elimination tournament started on Wednesday. Although Charlie and Dick lost the first round to the team from East Cheyenne, Wyoming, they soon gained momentum.

After a bye the second round, MBA defeated the nationally known St. Brendan's team from Bronx, New York. Brendan's affirmative case about solid waste pollution had previously been beaten only once; it now lost for the second time by a 2-1 decision.

In quick succession in the next rounds, MBA defeated teams from Independence, Missouri, and Duluth, Minnesota—thereby remaining in competition through the first two days.

On Friday, MBA met the victor of the Emory spring tournament,

another nationally-famous team: Marquette High School from Wisconsin. The debate was very close in the opinions of both the MBA and the Marquette debaters; nevertheless, the judges awarded the decision, 3-0 to the Marquette team. Thus, when eliminated from the tournament in the sixth round, the debaters had been only one round from the quarterfinals.

The short sightseeing tour of San Francisco on Monday, the grind of carrying nearly two hundred pounds of material on pollution to each debate, the excitement of waiting for the results posted after each round, and, most importantly, the pleasure of debating teams of uniformly excellent quality—all these factors had certainly made the trip memorable and worthwhile for the debate team. The school also reaped the benefits of the trip: since the debaters remained in the tournament for six rounds, the school received a ranking of fourteenth place in the nation.

front: Bill Freeman and Clay Stephens  
back: Robert Ramsey and Buck Cole

## Jones

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more than our share of writers in the South for the past couple of generations.

We do not want to leave out writers that everyone else would consider like Katherine Ann Porter, Eudora Welty, and others. Q: Which 20th Century British writers have made lasting reputations?

A: Eliot and Joyce are very important literary figures. I am not too familiar with the works of Thomas but I like those I have read. Yeats is the greatest poet of the 20th Century, make the greatest poet of the past three hundred years.

Q: Since you teach at and have attended large universities such as Auburn, do you prefer large universities or small colleges?

A: Actually I have never actually taught at a small college; they have all been large state universities. However, I would expect that a small college would be preferable. To a large extent the current unrest on campuses can be attributed to the immense size of the campuses which have been turned into factories. They have destroyed any chance for a relationship between the student and the teacher and the administration.

Q: Looking back upon your high school years, would you now rather attend a large public school or a private school like Wallace or MBA?

A: I would much rather go to a school like MBA or Wallace. I think you can do much more with boys in a private school. You have much more control and discipline over the boys. In the end you can expect more of the boys and the spirit is much more suitable for educating.

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